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1.  The amendment filed on 27 October 2005 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- a)  entered.
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- c)  disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.  
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